

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday April 11, 2022**

Location: Little Red School House, 35 School Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were commissioners: Bruce Moore, Ralph Cooley, Ken Hancock, Tom Behan, Andrea Driscoll, John Makara, associate member, John Fitzpatrick. George Kingston was welcomed as a new associate member. Also attending was visitor Peter Bradley.

The minutes of the March 14th meeting were read & reviewed.

Motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Tom Behan and seconded, all in favor and the motion was passed.

A Treasurers report was given by Ken Hancock: ELHC Trust Fund and Donation Accounts and updating our Bi-Laws was discussed.

Old Business:

1. The Museum welcomed 6 visitors at their March 19th opening.
2. The Library Historical Room organization was discussed and the digitization process was explored.
3. The Wiezbicki family and Sandy Davis of the Norcross Center sent thank you cards acknowledging their appreciation for the HCC's Memorial donation made in honor of the late Judy Wiezbicki.
4. John Fitzpatrick expanded on the historical presentation which will be made by the high school History Department.

New Business

1. The April 16th opening of the Museum was discussed. George made a suggestion to expand Museum exposure via The Pioneer Valley History Network.
2. Tom provided various choices for our 50th Anniversary Emblem. A final version is in progress.
3. The HC 2022 slate of officer's nominees was presented. Each nominee was in acceptance and a vote was taken. A motion to accept was made by Tom and seconded, all were in favor and the motions were passed
4. John F. is researching the origin of glass he found on our tour of EL's Old Mill sites. Tom provided photos of the Fire Tower location, also visited on our March 26th tour.
5. Bruce shared a 1905 photo of Springfield's Old Brownstone Post Office & Custom House. We learned of its history and demise.
A photo of a Buffalo Fire Truck of 1939 will be shown at our May meeting.

Other Business

1. Bruce presented an old blacksmith forged metal eye bolt made approximately in 1880. Tom and Bruce uncovered the eye bolt from the old Norcross stone yard located near the Rail Trail.
2. Ken will pursue procedure for installing electricity in the HC shed.
3. John F. gave an update of the origin of 2 childhood framed photos that had been donated to HC.
4. As a member of Community Preservation Commission, Ralph gave an overview of their agenda.
5. Ken proposed building a base for the stone Quarry sink, currently kept outside on Museum grounds.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Behan at 7:28 and seconded, all in favor and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
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